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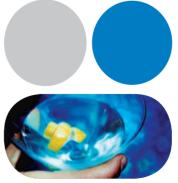
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Of 647 series regulars on 91 shows in prime time on ABC, CBS, The CW, Fox and NBC, 19 are LGBT, down from 23 last year. Fox leads the networks in LGBT representation with eight regular and five recurring characters. (Actor's name in parentheses.)

### REGULAR

- "Allen Gregory," Fox, Jeremy (Nat Faxon), Gay
- "Allen Gregory," Fox, Richard (French Stewart), Gay
- "American Dad," Fox, Roger (Seth MacFarlane), Bisexual
- "Bones," Fox, Angela Montenegro (Michaela Conlin), Bisexual

### 'Glee' Fox



» Blaine Anderson, (Darren Criss), Gay



» Kurt Hummel, (Chris Colfer), Gay



»Santana Lopez (Naya Rivera), Lesbian



» Brittany S. Pierce (Heather Morris), Bisexual

### RECURRING

- "American Dad," Fox, Terry Bates (Mike Barker), Gay
- "American Dad," Fox, Greg Corbin (Seth McFarlane), Gay
- "The Simpsons," Fox, Waylon Smithers (Harry Shearer), Gay
- "The Simpsons," Fox, Patty Bouvier (Julie Kavner), Lesbian
- "The Cleveland Show," Fox, Terry (Jason Sudeikis), Bisexual

### **CABLE**

The number of regular LGBT characters counted on cable networks is 28 this year, down from 35 last year. HBO leads the cable networks with five regular characters and four recurring characters. (Actor's name in parentheses.)

### **REGULAR**

- » "Boardwalk Empire," HBO, Angela Darmody (Aleksa Palladino), Bisexual
- "Entourage," HBO, Lloyd Lee (Rex Lee), Gay
- "Hung," HBO, Damon Drecker (Charlie Saxon),
- **RECURRING**
- **» "Game of Thrones,"** HBO, Renly Baratheon (Gethin Anthony), Gay
- **»"Game of Thrones,"** HBO, Loras Tyrell (Finn Jones), Gay

- Bisexual
- "True Blood," HBO, Tara Thornton (Rutina Wesley), Bisexual
- "True Blood," HBO, Jesus Velasquez (Kevin Alejandro), Gay
- **» "True Blood,"** HBO, Naomi (Vedette Lim), Lesbian
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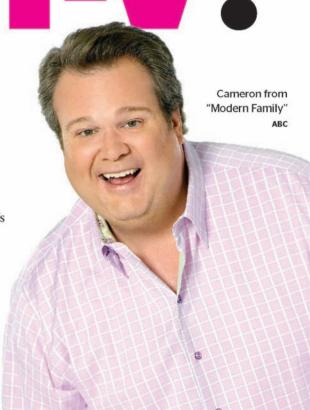
# REPORT: FEWER GAY CHARACTERS ON

### **Tribune Newspapers**

**NETWORKS. CABLE** 

The number of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender characters on scripted TV shows in prime time is likely going to dip for the first time in four years, gay advocacy group GLAAD has found, but some of TV's most-watched shows ("The Good Wife," "Modern Family") continue to incorporate gay characters into story lines.

This marks the 16th year GLAAD has surveyed the prime-time TV landscape, and though the numbers aren't as high as last year, the group says the percentage of gay characters who are series regulars appearing during the 2011-12 TV season is still much higher than 2007's figure of 1.1 percent.



# Let's dance until we see the light



"Dancing With the Stars" is known for sparkly costumes, pseudo-celebrities and questionable dance technique, but changing the nation's societal views on discrimination? That's not the first thing that comes to mind with the show-until now.

The current season highlights a minority

group that rarely gets much positive screen time: the transgender community.

Chaz Bono, the child of music icons Cher and Sonny Bono, has been in the public eye most of his life. He recently transitioned from Chastity, the daughter made famous on the classic "Sonny and Cher Show," to Chaz, making him one of the highest-profile transgender men in the country.

Now he's gone prime time—and America seems to be embracing him. Despite an injury, Bono has escaped elimination the first two

Bono was extremely public about his gender transition, releasing a book and documentary profiling his journey to make his body match the gender he always felt he was on the inside. It was, he said, a way to tell his story in his own words and to educate the public about transgender issues. While featuring Chaz

may simply have been a move to draw higher ratings, "DWTS" has perhaps unwittingly put a very public face on what too often has been an underserved and under-

represented community. But Bono waltzing into the living rooms of America hasn't been

without detractors and ridiculous "controversy." Conservative and religious pundits on cable channels such as Fox News decried featuring Chaz on the show, spouting baseless screeds ranging from attacks on his "confused" gender to how his very appearance on TV would somehow turn kids transgender. It started an all-out war of words on Twitter and message boards, even dragging Cher into the fray to defend her son.

Yet the faux controversy and the ensuing support for Chaz demonstrate the humanizing effect the pop culture spotlight can have on understanding complex issues. Having a public discourse-even spurred by an entertainment show-about transgender people and the issues they face is sorely needed in this country.

While we would all like to think of equality as a quintessential American value, advocacy organizations point out it is still legal in most of the country to fire transgender people and deny them public accommodations such as housing or medical services. Transgender people also face violent hate crimes and brutality at alarmingly high rates.

From acceptance of interracial marriage to gay people, pop culture often has moved ahead of politics and societal trends, playing hand-in-hand with advances in civil rights by putting faces on what are abstract issues for

> some Americans. Chaz Bono's inclusion on a popular show that reaches Middle America exposes many people

to a transgender person for the first time, breaking down the preconceived notions and stereotypes they may have.

Removing the stigma and misunderstandings around transgender people is an important step forward on the rights and protections of a group of people facing a long history of discrimination.

That is certainly something we all can dance about. WAYMON HUD-SON IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

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### Ballroom blitz

Where will Chaz Bono finish in "Dancing With the Stars"? Text "chaz" followed by the number of your vote to 87708 and we'll text you back with the results. Msg&data rates may apply.

- 1. Future winner! Just give him the trophy.
- 3. He'll be the next one out.

- 2. He'll stick around for a few more weeks.
- 4. How did he even make it this far?!

What happens when you put a cut-out mustache on the cover of RedEve? Awesomeness! Here are some of our favorite pics submitted Wednesday via Twitter. Check out lots more at redeyechicago.com.









### **GAME CHANGER?**

### **By Rex Chekal**

As RedEye's resident gadget nerd, I was bombarded Wednesday with questions about Amazon's Kindle Fire reveal. Questions such as, "Hey, Rex, are you going to buy it?" And, "Do you think it will be better than your iPad?" To which I can safely say, "No" and "No."

That doesn't mean I don't think the Fire will sell. It will sell. A lot. Two Benjamins is a far cry from the \$500 entry-level iPad. It hits that magical price territory that will send the average consumer over the edge during the holiday Season. I liken it to the release of Nintendo's Wii in 2006. It was an inferior system when compared with Sony's PS3 or Microsoft's Xbox 360, but it was designed for the casual gamer and came at a price point that was easier for the majority to swallow.

And now we get to why I won't be preordering a Fire today. Let me put it this way: I own a Wii, and for a while I loved it. But ever since a PS3 joined my media shelf the Wii sits gathering dust while my Miis look on in envy at my glowing PlayStation.

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Antonio Johnson, 15, was fatally shot outside his East Garfield Park home Sunday. His mother, Annette, also was wounded. MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE

# 'HE WAS A COOL KI

### Teen's kidney donated to ailing grandmother after he is killed in drive-by shooting

### **Chicago Tribune**

Earlier this year, Annette Johnson sat down with her 15-yearold son, Antonio, to tell him that his grandmother was in the hospital and in dire need of a new kidney.



Antonio Johnson

When his mother told him a transplant would save her life, the boy didn't hesitate to offer one of his own.

"And I told him, 'Not if you plan on playing any sports," Johnson recalled telling her son, a linebacker on the frosh-soph football team at Chicago's Marshall High School. "I was like, 'It's cool. She'll get one.'

On Wednesday, his grandmother got a kidney transplant from Antonio-just days after he was mortally wounded Sunday on the family's front porch in a drive-by shooting.

In an interview Wednesday at the West Side home, Annette Johnson, who was shot in the forearm in the incident, displayed a mix of emotions-grief over her son's death but relief that his kidney may make a difference for her ailing mother, Sharon, who was paralyzed decades ago when she was struck by a stray bullet.

"Talking about him is what's helping me to cope," said Johnson, 37, who was released from Mount Sinai Hospital on Tuesday. "He was a cool kid. He was no problem at all."

Police haven't said why the shooting occurred, but East Garfield Park, where the family lives, is notorious for its drug activity and gun violence.

The shooting came about two weeks after an arson fire damaged the house, according to a law enforcement source and the family.

Johnson said Antonio avoided trouble at all costs and hated large crowds or commotion. His parents bought him a video game console to keep him off the streets.

A sophomore, he earned A's and B's at Marshall, according to school officials.

Funeral arrangements haven't been planned, but his mother says it would only be appropriate if he is laid to rest in a pearly white casket and a white suit.

"He was an angel," she said. "Angels wear

### **Guilty verdict in** 2009 police slaving

A Cook County jury Wednesday night convicted a reputed gang member charged with murder in the 2009 slaving of a Chicago police officer. The jury found Shawn Gaston, 22, guilty of firstdegree murder in the shooting that killed Officer Alejandro "Alex" Valadez, 27, and guilty of attempted murder for shooting at someone else in the same attack. Prosecutors said during the trial that Gaston was out for revenge June 1, 2009, after he and other reputed gang members were shot at by rivals in the 6000 block of South Hermitage Avenue. Valadez was investigating that shooting when Gaston and the others fired several shots, killing Valadez.

### Grenade holdup in Lincoln Park

Police arrested a woman who tried to hold up a Lincoln Park drug store with a phony hand grenade, authorities said Wednesday. Several employees at Braun Drugs managed to subdue the 26-year-old woman until police arrived and arrested her, police said. The incident happened about 3:40 p.m. Tuesday at the drug store in the 2000 block of North Clark Street, police said.

### **County hospitals** short on cash

The Cook County Health and Hospital System plans to slash hiring, eliminate redundant contracts and reduce maintenance costs next year, but it's still about \$35 million short of what County Board President Toni Preckwinkle is willing to fork over. The spending plan the independent health panel adopted Wednesday asks taxpayers for \$283 million. But Preckwinkle has said the county can offer no more than \$248 million to the health system next year.

### **Detective to undergo** sex offender eval

A Chicago police detective has been found guilty of disorderly conduct and ordered to undergo a sex offender evaluation after he made lewd remarks to a woman at a North Side insurance company, officials said. Richard A. Milz, 41, was sentenced to a year supervision Tuesday by Cook County Circuit Court Judge Anthony Calabrese, who also ordered the evaluation. according to Andy Conklin, a spokesman for the Cook County state's attorney's office. TRIBUNE

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A resurfacing project began Wednesday on North Michigan Avenue, closing lanes and limiting parking for about six weeks. The Mag Mile will be repaved from Illinois Street to Oak Street and, on the Gold Coast, Inner Lake Shore Drive from Oak to Division Street. Work will take place during the day and night and continue through mid-November. One or two lanes will be closed throughout the project. Crews will use as little roadway space as possible, the Chicago Department of Transportation said. MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE

### Book: Payton had affair, used drugs

### Chicago Tribune

A new book about the late Chicago Bears Hall of Fame running back Walter Payton alleges some unflattering assertions regarding his personal life.

The book, "Sweetness: The Enigmatic Life of Walter Payton," written by Jeff Pearlman, is excerpted in the current edition of Sports Illustrated and alleges that Payton was involved in several extra-marital affairs. The author also cites sources who claimed Payton routinely mixed a cocktail of Tylenol and Vicodin following his playing days.

Citing interviews, Pearlman also says Payton's wife, Connie—from whom he had been estranged—and his mistress attended his Hall of Fame induction in 1993. The two women met for the first time shortly thereafter.

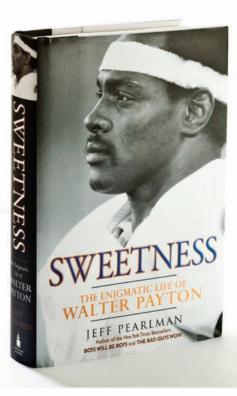
Payton's former agent and executive assistant are reported to have received calls at all hours of the day from him, threatening to end his life, the book reports.

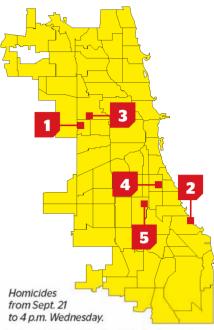
Payton's family issued a statement Wednesday addressing the book.

"Walter, like all of us, wasn't perfect," reads the statement from Payton's wife, his family and the Walter and Connie Payton Foundation. "The challenges he faced were well known to those of us who loved and lived with him.

"He was a great father to Jarrett and Brittney and held a special place in the football world and the Chicago community. Recent disclosures—some true, some untrue—do not change this.

"I'm saddened that anyone would attempt to profit from these stories, many told by people with little credibility."





### HOMICIDE TRACKER

### **By Tracy Swartz**

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Humboldt Park and Washington Park this week each recorded their third homicides of the month, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data found.

In Humboldt Park, a 15-year-old boy was shot to death Sunday in the 700 block of North Springfield Avenue, police said.

In Washington Park, a 21-year-old man was fatally shot Monday in the 400 block of East 60th Street, police said.

Citywide, gunshot homicides were recorded in the last week in Grand Boulevard and West Garfield Park, according to police.

Meanwhile, a 2-month-old South Shore girl died last week from wounds sustained in child abuse, officials said.

Thirty-six homicides have been recorded so far this month. Police recorded 31 homicides in September 2010, RedEye found.

Note: All locations had one victim.

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### Severed heads found

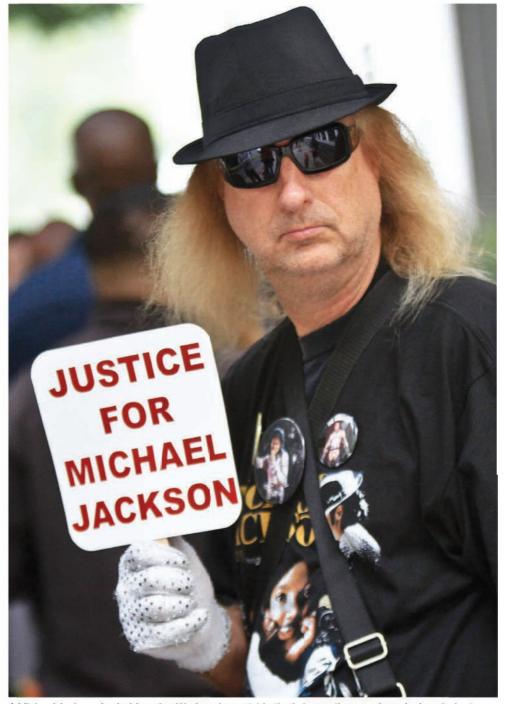
Five severed human heads were found near an elementary school in Acapulco, Mexico, in an area where some schools already had canceled classes because of lack of security. The heads were found Tuesday inside a sack that had been placed inside a small crate.

### Death penalty possible

A Saudi Arabian prisoner accused of plotting the deadly attack on the warship USS Cole in 2000 could be executed if he is convicted in the Guantanamo war crimes tribunal, the Pentagon said on Wednesday.

### Primary leapfrog

Florida leaders have agreed to move the state's presidential primary to Jan. 31, more than a month ahead of schedule, in order to ensure the nation's largest swing state will go fifth in the nominating pecking order.



A Michael Jackson fan holds a sign Wednesday outside the L.A. courthouse where Jackson's doctor, Conrad Murray, is being tried on manslaughter charges in the pop star's death. Losangeles times

# **Witness: MJ** doctor lied about pop star's condition

LOS ANGELES Michael Jackson's personal physician waged a coverup regarding the singer's health in the weeks leading up to-and the minutes following-his death, according to testimony on the second day of Dr. Conrad Murray's manslaughter

Before the singer's death, Murray assured concert promoters that Jackson was in perfect health when, in fact, he was dependent on nightly doses of a dangerous surgical anesthetic to sleep, witnesses said in a downtown L.A. courtroom Wednesday.

And after Jackson stopped breathing June 25, 2009, after taking the anesthetic, Murray told the singer's personal assistant Jackson had "a bad reaction" and never asked for 911 to be called, the assistant told jurors.

"Call me right away, please, call me right away, thank you," Murray said in the recording played during the testimony of the assistant, Michael Amir Williams.

When he called Murray back a couple of minutes later, the doctor said Jackson had a "bad reaction" and asked him to go to the house, Williams testified.

"At no time during that call he asked you to call 911?" Deputy Dist. Atty. David Walgren

"No sir," Williams responded.

Williams testified that he called security personnel at the house and asked them to see what was going on.

By the time Williams arrived at the Holmby Hills mansion from his downtown L.A. apartment, Jackson was being brought out on a gurney, he said.



### **THE DIGIT** 2,90

In a huge, seven-day operation covering all 50 states and four U.S. territories, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials arrested 2,901 convicted criminal immigrants as part of the "Cross Check" enforcement operation, official said Wednesday.



### NEBRASKA IN A NUTSHELL

Here are 10 things to know about Nebraska football and its fans. s.B.

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The University of Nebraska-Lincoln was founded in 1869; its current enrollment tops 24,000 students.

The football team started in 1890 and was known as the Bugeaters before adopting Cornhuskers as its nickname in 1900. Huskers football has five national titles: 1970, 1971, 1994, 1995 and 1997.

The Cornhuskers have the fourth most wins in college football history with 841.



"Big Ten fans planning to make a trip to Lincoln should make it a point to dine at Runza, Misty's Steakhouse or Valentino's," Huskers fan Jordan Manske said.

Three Cornhuskers have won the Heisman Trophy: Johnny Rodgers (1972), Mike Rozier ('83) and Eric Crouch ('01).



Nebraska has sold out every home game at 81,067seat Memorial Stadium since Nov. 3, 1962, the longest streak in college football

At the start of every Nebraska home game, "Sirius" by the Alan Parsons Project (the same music as the Bulls' home intro) is played during a highlight video followed by the team running onto the field. This is known as the Tunnel Walk.



There are numerous former Cornhuskers in the NFL, including Detroit's Ndamukong Suh, the No. 1 pick in the 2009 draft.

If you want to watch a Nebraska game in Chicago, fan Jessie Mumgaard suggests Kirkwood Bar. "Not only do they serve Runza's, a Nebraska staple, and corn on the cob for every game, but the ambience itself makes you feel like you're no longer 500 miles away from home." Other Cornhusker-friendly bars are Beckett's, Bird's Nest and Rockwood Place.



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### FANS OF POWERHOUSE NEBRASKA ARE READY TO JOIN THE BIG TEN PARTY

By Scott Bolohan | FOR REDEYE

Anyone who has ever moved into a new school knows how awkward being the new kid can be.

As the newest member of the Big Ten, Nebraska finds itself in that position this season. Starting this fall, the university left behind the Big 12 and rivalries the Cornhuskers came to know. And starting Saturday, Nebraska will get its first taste of Big Ten play. The Cornhuskers square off against Wisconsin as part of the season's first weekend of conference games.

For their part, Cornhuskers fans say they'll have no trouble fitting in.

Jordan Manske, 27, of Lakeview, grew up in Nebraska a die-hard Huskers fan during the glory years of the '90s. He said he became spoiled when the team won three national titles in four years, and said he fully supported the university joining the Big Ten.

"The Big Ten is the most stable conference in college athletics, and stability is exactly what our program was searching for," Manske said. "It's an upgrade in every single way imaginable. Financially we are better off, there are better bowl tie-ins in the Big Ten, and my favorite thing is all the exposure our program is going to receive from the Big Ten Network."

For the many transplanted Cornhuskers die-hards living in Chicago, traditionally a Big Ten city, the addition of their team to the conference makes it easier to be a fan.

"I am thrilled about the move," said Kristen Otterson, a 28-year-old Nebraska grad and Gold Coast resident. "As a Chicagoan, it is exciting to finally be a part of the Big Ten culture that prevails in the Windy City. It's also incredibly convenient to travel for away games."



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And that's what she's been doing this season. She plans to attend every home and away game for Nebraska this season and is documenting it on her blog, nebraskanation.blogspot.com.

"Attending an entire season of Husker football has been on my bucket list almost my entire life," Otterson said. "After Nebraska made the decision to join the Big Ten, I made the commitment to following their journey throughout the season."

The journey will take her to unfamiliar territory such as Penn State and Michigan, schools with storied programs like Nebraska but ones with which the Huskers have little history.

"It was somewhat bittersweet due to the fact that for so long we were a part of the Big 12 and had developed a relationship with other teams in the conference," said Jessie Mumgaard, 28.

Mumgaard was born and raised in Nebraska and graduated from the school and now lives in the West

"I don't think it will take long to develop those new rivalries in the Big Ten," she said. "Everyone knows how important college football is in Nebraska, and I think this is just as exciting for other teams in the Big Ten to have us join the conference."

Otterson agreed. She said she was sad that rivalries with Oklahoma, Colorado and Kansas State ended but looks forward to new ones.

"The Big Ten has been very open and accepting of us," Otterson said. "So far."

Schools moving conferences have been a topic of conversation all year, and Manske said Nebraska switched at the right time.

"The Big 12 was slowly becoming all about the South [division], namely Texas," Manske said. "Nebraska was very proactive in making the decision to leave and there should be no regrets about it. We hope Big Ten schools are as excited to have us here as we are to be here."

Although Nebraska is new to the Big Ten, Manske said fans of all schools in the conference already have something in common: "At the very least, we can all bond over our collective disdain for Notre Dame." SCOTT BOLOHAN IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

### 1896

The Western Conference is established, with the University of Chicago, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Northwestern. Purdue and Wisconsin as members.

### 1899

Indiana and lowa join the conference.

### 1908

Michigan withdraws from the conference.

### 1912

Ohio State joins the conference.

### **1917**

Michigan resumes its membership, and the league is first referred to as the Big Ten Conference.

### 1946

The University of Chicago withdraws.

### 1949

Michigan State College (now Michigan State University) is added.

### 1987

The Big Ten Conference is incorporated, and the name is officially adopted.

### 1990

Penn State joins the conference.

### 2010

Nebraska joins the conference.

SOURCE:

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Mark Buehrle is now a free agent. What's his next move?

Don't care where ya go, but you can't stay here.

Next move? A lot of hunting and time with the family for the next three weeks ...

Into the woods like the mythical mountain man he is. Deer, tremble with fear.

Practicing sounding casual, just in case Brian Cashman calls.

Huntin'. Then some more huntin'. Followed by even more huntin'.

**Reports say Jay Cutler** and Kristin Cavallari are "working it out." Discuss.

Kristin, just please don't be a distraction this season.

Will this magically give Cutler a new offense? No? Then I don't care

I hear Kristin Cavallari's a savant when it comes to calling pass protection audibles.

Jay realized Kristin is the only person in his life who will let him call an audible.

**What will Derrick Rose** need if he plays overseas during the NBA lockout?

Passport. Foreign language skills. Luggage. And, uh, a taste for quiche?

Unlimited international texting and a Skittles machine shipped overseas. A translator, so he can learn to say "Why can't I be MVP?" in different languages.

just a sunny demeanor and a tiny backpack.

According to Rick Steves, Some offensive help ... wait, he needs that with the Bulls. He should feel right at home

Why does NASCAR want to eliminate "love bug" racing?

It's gross to see two cars trying to get it on midrace. Get a garage, you crazy kids. The boys in NASCAR want to get the term "love bug" out of their vocab.

Herbie is attempting to revolt against its creators. I refuse to learn what "love bug" racing is.

Because Herbie is suing for

copyright infringement.

What should Nebraska fans know about life in the Big Ten?

People in the Greek system aren't actually Greek, so stop slathering your corn with feta. Actually ..

They're already used to seeing their Cornhuskers play like a Big Ten team ...

Learn to hate Ohio State. Oh, wait, everyone does already. Carry on.

Before

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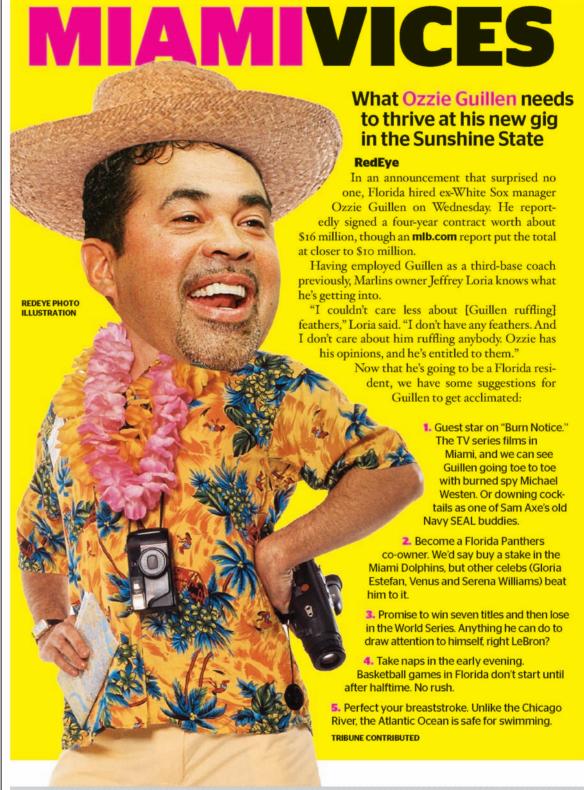
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Grea Walker said he knew it was time to step down nearly a month before he resigned Wednesday as the White Sox's hitting coach after nine seasons.

'I want what's best for the White Sox. It didn't have anything to do with the recent events." Walker said. Walker and GM Ken Williams were involved in a heated exchange last month, but Walker said he wasn't going to return even if Ozzie Guillen came back as manager in 2012.



### **STAYING**

White Sox fans will be treated to four more vears of "He Gone" and "Mercy!" after announcing Wednesday that TV play-by-play man Ken "Hawk" Harrelson agreed to a four-year extension through 2015. Harrelson, 70, will conclude his 26th season working Sox games.



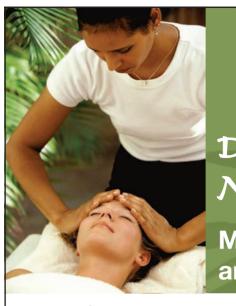
### **COPS AND JOCKS**

### **Ex-Cub Bradley arrested**

Authorities say former Cubs outfielder Milton Bradley has been arrested for investigation of felony battery. Police say the outfielder, released by Seattle this year, was arrested Tuesday at a San Fernando Valley home. Bradley posted bail and is due in court Oct. 18. Attorney Harland Braun tells The Associated Press he has not talked with his client yet.

### THE DIGIT

The White Sox lost 30 games this season after having a lead, including Wednesday's 3-2 season-ending defeat vs. Toronto.



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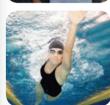
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# APPLE'S CLOBBERED TABLET RIVALS SO FAR, BUT AMAZON COMES OUT SWINGING

### **Los Angeles Times**

The tablet wars have become more interesting.

Amazon.com on Wednesday unveiled its first tablet computer with a host of functions and features that allow it to do nearly everything the iPad can do—but at less than half the cost.

Called the Kindle Fire, the device may quickly become the strongest competitor yet to the iPad, analysts said. Barely 18 months after Apple released the first iPad, tablet computers are a nearly \$30 billion industry, with the iPad accounting for almost 80 percent of the market.

The Fire is aimed at attracting consumers who want a tablet but can't afford the iPad and its other pricier competitors. Amazon set the price at \$200 -well below Apple's \$500 iPad.

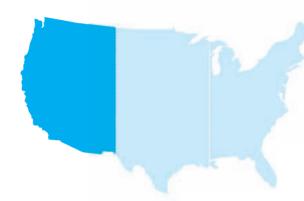
"The price is really what's going to drive a lot of success for Amazon," said Alex Spektor, an analyst with Strategy Analytics in Boston. "Its features are competitive with other tablets, but the low price doesn't make it seem like a cheapo device."

Spektor said the sleek look and snappy performance set the device apart from other low-cost tablets that have failed to catch on with consumers.

In addition, the world's largest online retailer brings to its Fire a huge library of movies, music and books—content no other iPad rival can match.

"Home run," analyst Ben Schachter of Macquarie Securities wrote in a note to investors. The new Kindle "will almost certainly be successful with consumers."

The tablet's low price reflects Amazon's effort to remain a discount leader, a key strategy in its early success



selling books, electronics and appliances.

"We're building premium products at non-premium prices," Amazon Chief Executive Jeff Bezos said about the Fire.

Wall Street's reaction indicated that the Kindle Fire may turn out to be a worthy competitor: Shares of Amazon rose 2.5 percent Wednesday as major stock market indexes fell as much as 2.2 percent.

Apple bloggers objected to the notion voiced by some that the Fire would be an "iPad killer," saying the best it was likely to do was end up in second place.

"It's not going to touch the high end of the market where the iPad lives," wrote Jim Dalrymple, a blogger on the Loop technology site.

Amazon started taking orders Wednesday for the Fire and will start shipping it Nov. 15.

Although the Kindle Fire will let users browse the Web,

expected to reach one-third of American adults by 2015, according to a January report from business and technology researcher Forrester.

watch movies and read books, it is missing several of the bells and whistles of earlier tablets: There is no camera or cellular capability, and its screen, at 7 inches, is substantially smaller than the iPad's.

Still, Amazon hopes its tablet will have a unique advantage: The Fire will be connected to the company's massive cloud computing network, a worldwide system of high-speed servers that can quickly send video, music and Web pages to the device.

"No one can really touch Amazon in terms of their cloud services," said Sarah Rotman-Epps, an analyst at Forrester Research in Cambridge, Mass. "Amazon is leading with content and services, and that's what consumers care about more than the hardware."

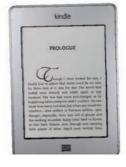
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Also Wednesday, Amazon introduced improved versions of its original Kindle e-readers, which use electronic-ink technology instead of digital displays. L.A. TIMES



### Kindle

Amazon's lowestpriced e-reader, 30 percent lighter than previous models.



### **Kindle Touch**

Users can turn pages by touching the screen rather than by pressing plastic buttons.

### **Kindle Touch 3G**

This version of the Kindle Touch will feature a cellular connection.

Number of movies available in amazon.com's free streaming library as part of a 30-day trial of Amazon Prime that comes with the Kindle Fire.

**50%** The Kindle Fire is smaller and 50 percent lighter than the iPad, Amazon says, CNN







Screen: 9.7 inches, LED, full color, touchscreen

Weight: According to the Apple website, the weight varies by

"configuration" and "manufacturing process"

Battery: Lasts up to 10 hours

Connectivity: Wi-Fi, 3G with some models with AT&T or

Verizon plans

Storage: 16GB to start, more available with price upgrade

(max is 64GB for \$699)

Operating system: iOS 4





### **Amazon Kindle Fire**

\$199, available Nov. 15

Screen: 7 inches, full color,

touchscreen

Weight: 14.6 ounces

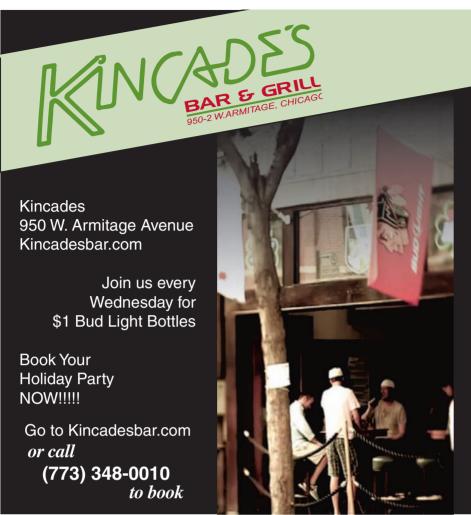
Battery: Lasts up to 8 hours

Connectivity: Wi-Fi

Storage: 8GB on board, Cloud stor-

age available

Operating system: Google Android



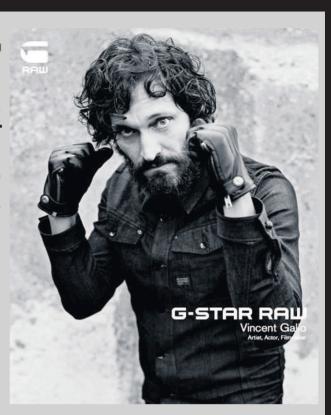
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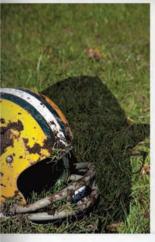
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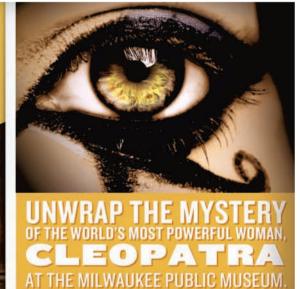


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By Emily Van Zandt and Renee Mailhiot | REDEYE

It technically may still be September, but for hardcore Halloween fans, it's time to start planning.

From costumes to decorations to parties, there's a lot to think about before the end of October. With the holiday falling on a Monday this year, there will be an entire weekend's worth of bashes to sort through. If getting the planning out of the way early is your thing, check out these six Halloween parties that

already have tickets on sale. evanzandt@tribune.com | @MMXBARS

### FOR FRIDAY NIGHT CLUBBERS

### Spank Rock at The Mid

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Kick off your
Halloween weekend
on Oct. 28 as hiphop duo Spank Rock
hits this club during their
"Check Yo Ponytail" tour
with a Halloween-theme show.
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4 a.m. Tickets are available now
for \$15 (plus a service charge)
at clubtix.com.

### FOR THE WELL-COSTUMED

### The Haunted Hotel Ball

Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Ave.
Throw on your best Charlie Sheen outfit and head to this fourth annual bash Oct. 29. The night is scheduled to include a performance by pop singer Kat DeLuna and a DJ set by Starkillers. Going from 8 p.m-2 a.m., the party also features a costume contest with a \$1,000 prize and decorations from the group behind Fear City Haunted House for some extra kick. Early bird tickets available now for \$30 (plus a service fee) at

clubzone.com.

FOR FILM NERDS

### Music Box Massacre

Music Box Theatre, 3733 N. Southport Ave., 773-871-6604
Settle in for a weekend of horror Oct. 15 and 16 at this iconic art-house movie theater in Lakeview. The 24-hour movie marathon starts at noon Saturday with the silent film "Waxworks" and ends with a 9:20 a.m. showing of "From Dusk Till Dawn." Other flicks include "Halloween" and "Poltergeist." Pajamas and pillows encouraged. Tickets are \$34-\$38 and are available at musicboxtheatre.com.

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### FOR BIG GROUPS

### Freaky Deaky III

Congress Theater, 2135 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-276-1235

There should be plenty of space to dance at this Logan Square venue as electronic duo MSTRKRFT, DJ/ producer Laidback Luke, house DJ/producer Wolfgang Gartner and hip-hop producer AraabMUZIK take the stage for this third annual party Oct. 29. Tickets are available now for \$30 (plus a service fee) on ticketfly.com. Or opt for a VIP ticket for \$65, which includes an all-night drink package.

### FOR STEAMPUNK ENTHUSIASTS

### The Clockwork Vaudeville's Carnivale Delirium

Reggie's Rock Club, 2109 S. State St. 312-949-0120

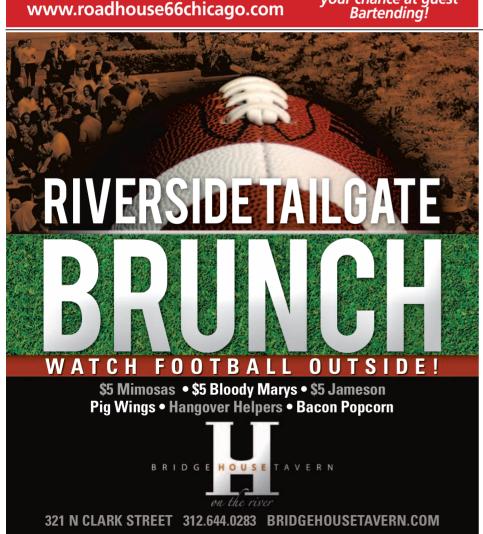
Kick off Halloween a little early with this circus-esque night Oct. 21. Party all night with burlesque performers, vaudeville acts, a magician and more at this bash on the Near South Side. Scheduled performers include the Vagabond Opera, Candy Town and the White City Rippers. And did we mention there's a mustache contest? Tickets start at \$15 on ticketfly.com with a \$40 option for VIP that includes a two-hour open bar and a gift bag.







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We went down near the lake on Saturday night to check out 120 Ultra Lounge, which sits at the ground floor of Lake Point Tower. We found an intimate gathering of people enjoying tapas, cocktails and laidback house grooves. - craig seymour, redeye special contributor



### What brings you out tonight?

Inquire at the bar to get

your chance at guest

It's Saturday. It's a new place. I wanted something fun and new

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### **Tracy Jackson** 43, operations manager at University of Chicago (married to Scoop)

### What brings you out tonight?

I'm celebrating my 17th wedding anniversary. My husband chose this place. We walked by one day on our way to Navy Pier, and it was cute and fun and the music was really good.

### What's the key to marriage longevity?

Liking the person you're married to. He's fun and cute.



### What's the key to remaining stylish, as you get older?

Just being around young folks and trying to let them know that they can't run us old folks out of the game. I'm involved with the gym shoe culture and I try to make sure I stay up on that. I've always had a policy with gym shoes, dress from the bottom up.

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# Beware the fake sports bars



Emily Van Zandt » redeye@ tribune.com » @mmxbars Please pardon my audacity as I temporarily grant myself the authority to re-define the way we categorize sports bars.

Hang TVs until your eyes cross and pad the menu with wings, nachos and all the fried cheese you want—unless those flatscreens have got the sound on, it's just not a sports bar.

It's a scene too

pervasive to name names: Saturday primetime at the newest "upscale neighborhood sports bar." Multiple college games flashing across the screens above noisy diners. Top 40 hits blaring.

Occasionally someone will look up from a mouthful of 8 p.m. dinner to check the score. But jerseys are scarce and cheers even more so. Because this isn't a sports bar—it's a pub

with a little extra visual stimulation.

The audio may be pumped over the speaker system for Sunday Bears games, but I would argue that one game a week just doesn't cut it: A true sports bar is a place for fans to get rowdy, to backtalk commentators. It's not a place to yell over the latest Rihanna track (unless she happens to be part of a half-time show).

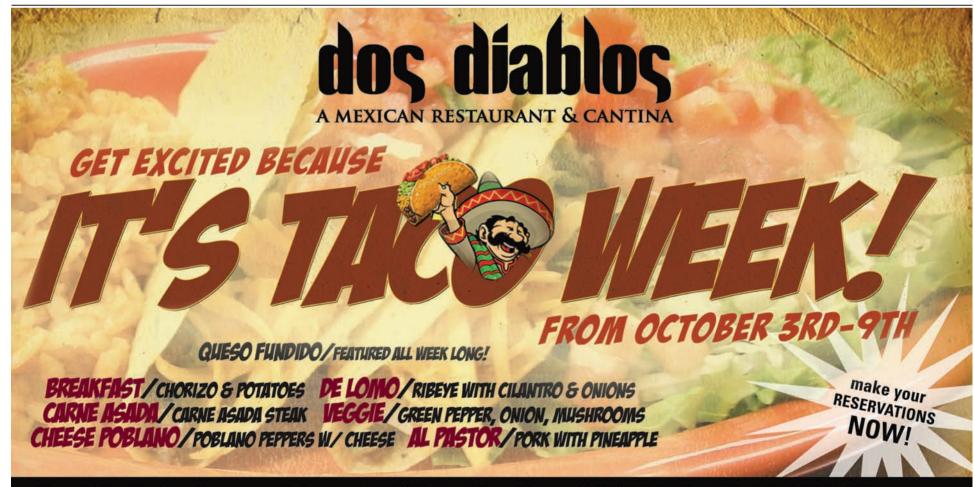
This isn't to say that the model of the "upscale neighborhood sports bar" doesn't work. After all, not everyone is looking to be bombarded with an ESPN soundtrack when they go out on a Saturday night. Not everyone cares about your unranked alma mater.

For a real football-watching experience, you're going to have to pack into a sports bar that shows your team some love by turning the sound on. If you're having trouble finding the right spot, check out our guide at **chicago.metromix.com/football**.

But be wary of the lure of the flashy new spot down the road: Just because it has more TVs than you can count and a 25-cent wing deal doesn't mean you'll get the full experience. Better to be crammed in the run-down,



over-crowded, team-endorsed bar than be pummeled with hate glares from patrons in dress shirts noshing on \$15 burgers. EMILY VAN ZANDT IS A REDEYE REPORTER. TO THOSE SITTING
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### latest album, "Strange Mercy."

St. Vincent's Annie Clark, who looks like Snow White recast as an indie-rocker, delivers another winner with her

Imelda May

October 7 at the Vic

**Battles** 

Wild Flag

October 7 at Park West

The brassy Irish belter brings a

The experimental trio survived the

Braxton while recording its joyous

departure of frontman Tyondai

sophomore album, "Gloss Drop."

October 8 and 9 at Empty Bottle

Bringing together members of

Sleater-Kinney, Helium and the

Minders, this super group turns

out an assortment of high-energy

guitar jams on its excellent debut.

rockabilly flair to her songs.

St. Vincent October 5 at Metro

### Yuck

October 3 at Double Door The grungy Brits churn out energetic six-string dirges that call to mind guitar-driven alt-rock group Dinosaur Jr.

### **Foster the People**

October 5 at Riviera Theatre

The dance-rock crew emerged as one of the breakout acts from Lollapalooza.

### Stephen Malkmus & the Jicks

October 6 at Metro Though Stephen Malkmus & the Jicks' "Mirror Traffic" finds the Pavement frontman at his most relaxed, he doesn't completely abandon his most playful instincts

### Weezer

October 9 at Congress Theater Despite long ago descending into parody, the long-running, Rivers Cuomo-led crew still can call upon a deep catalogue of hook-laden

### **Das Racist**

October 20 at Reggie's Rock Club The hip-hoppers combine a wicked sense of humor with an emerging skill set on their full-length debut, "Relax."

### 20 top concerts to see this month

### **By Andy Downing**

FOR REDEYE

Now that fall is in full swing, Chicago's concert scene shifts from outdoor festivals to more intimate club shows. Fortunately October doesn't disappoint, bringing in an array of can't-miss gigs from guitar-toting female rockers (St. Vincent, Wild Flag), controversy-prone hip-hoppers (Odd Future, Das Racist) and '90s alt-rock veterans (Weezer, Smashing Pumpkins). Here are the month's 20 best shows. ANDY DOWNING IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

# **Trick or treat** your ears

### **Portishead**

October 12 at Aragon Ballroom

The British trip-hop pioneers took a darker turn on "Third," a menacing album that pairs singer Beth Gibbons' haunted pipes with an array of musical backdrops.

### Neon Indian

October 14 at Lincoln Hall

The Austin, Texas, duo crafts an intricate and often moving patchwork of synthetic noise on its latest album, the dreamy "Era Extrana."

### **Odd Future**

October 14 at Metro

At this point in its career, the button-pushing hip-hop crew has proven more adept at drumming up controversy than quality music.

### Smashing Pumpkins

October 14 at Riviera Theatre

As much a Billy Corgan solo project as an actual band these days, the Smashing Pumpkins make a long overdue return to their hometown with this local gig.

### Cant

October 18 at Lincoln Hall Chris Taylor of Grizzly Bear trades in his band's woodsy jams in favor of fluid, avant grooves.

### Yelawolf

October 20 at Bottom Lounge

The elastic Alabama MC fills his sharp debut with songs about the drug trade ("Marijuana"), the complexities of being Southern and white in the rap game ("I Wish") and muscle cars (nearly every song).

### **Black Angels and Dead Meadow**

October 20 at Metro Expect the Metro air to smell like Doug Wilson's office on the set of "Weeds" during this trippy, psych-rock double-bill.

### Deadmau5

October 22 and 23 at Aragon Ballroom

The fast-rising DJ turns out flashy, hypnotic club cuts that transform his concerts into non-stop dance parties.

### Method Man

October 27 at Congress Theater Best catch the buoyant Wu-Tang MC with the terminally stoned growl here, since his perpetually delayed album "The Crystal Meth" still doesn't have a release date.

### Zola Jesus

October 12 at Lincoln Hall

Though Wisconsin native and classically trained singer Nika Roza Danilova, who records as Zola Jesus, relocated to L.A., her music maintains an eerie chill reminiscent of the Midwest winters she left behind.

### **Eleanor Friedberger**

October 29 at Subterranean

As half of the Fiery Furnaces, Friedberger specialized in carnivalesque tunes that often spun off in unpredictable directions. Her solo work leans more towards nostalgic singer-songwriter fare.





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New "Father, Son, Holy Ghost" is only increasing the acclaim for a band who acquired it quickly. With Nobunny, Papa.

9 p.m. \$18. Lincoln Hall, 2424 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-2508.



**James** Blake, Chairlift 2011 Mercury Music Prize nominee 9 p.m. \$26. Metro, 3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-0203.

### The Congregation

With Daryl Hance, The Dirty Rooks, Vertikal, Impala Sound Champions.

8:30 p.m. \$7. Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-489-3160.

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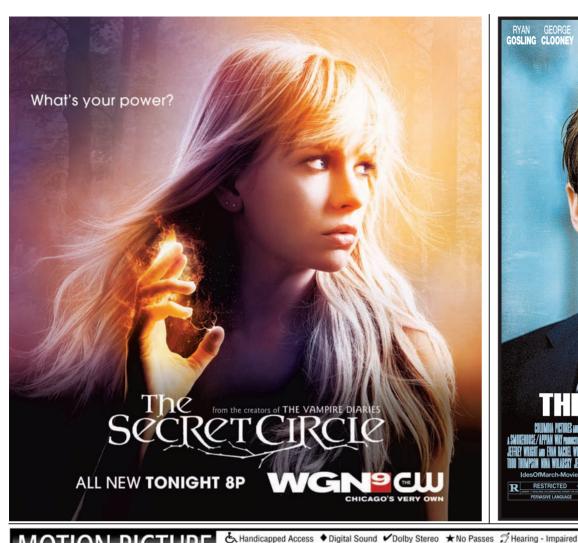
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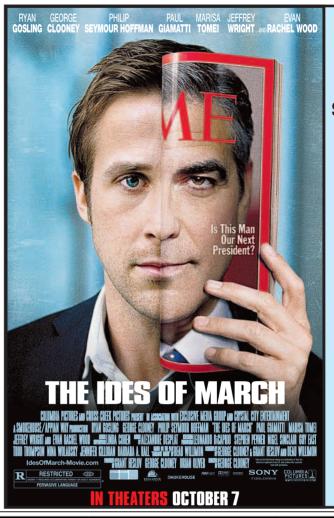
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■ Killer Elite (R) 12:45;2:00,3:40,5:00,6:40,8:00,9:40,11:00
■ Spy Kids: All the Time in the World in 4D (PG) 12:50 P.M.
■ MC Independent Kevin Hart: Laugh at My Pain (R) 2:55,8:20
■ Straw Dogs (R) 1:25,4:10,7:10,1:0:05
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■ Warrior (PG-13) 2:25,6:50,10:20
■ The Debt (R) 2:15,5:15,8:15
■ Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 5:30,10:50
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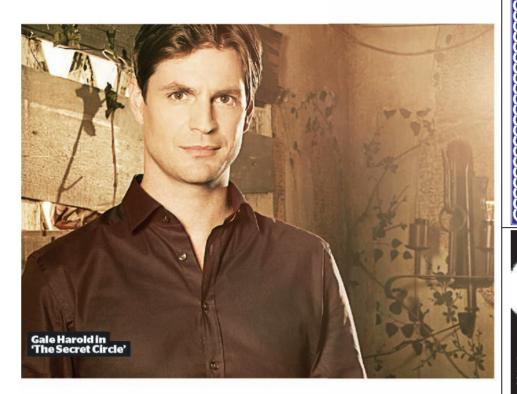
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## He's totally bewitching



Curt Wagner

» cwwagner@ tribune.com » @showpatrol Gale Harold is no stranger to playing bad boys. His sexy Brian Kinney on "Queer as Folk" was the resident love-'em-and-leave-'em heartbreaker for five seasons.

But Charles Meade, the wicked witch of Chance Harbor he plays on CW's "The Secret Circle," is on a totally different level.

"He may be up in the bad scale a bit," Harold said Monday during a phone interview.

An understatement, you think? Let's see, in the series premiere Charles burned newbie witch Cassie's (Britt Robertson) mom to a crisp as part of his plot to create a new coven of teen witches in his town. In last week's episode, he covered up a murder committed by Dawn Chamberlain (Natasha Henstridge), his partner in supernatural scheming.

Producers Kevin Williamson and Andrew Miller have yet to reveal why Charles and Dawn have set their plan in motion, but there's no doubt it will be a juicy, scary tale. Williamson adapted "The Secret Circle" from the book series by LJ Smith, the author of "The Vampire Diaries" series, which Williamson made into a hit CW show.

Harold has quickly become the biggest reason to watch "The Secret Circle" as



Charles kills and broods and manipulates. But if you ask the actor, Charles isn't simply a villain.

"The things we've already seen him do are evil," he said. "But I don't think that it's on any level about an evil person trying to do evil things."

According to Harold, Charles is a family man struggling to protect his daughter, Diana (Shelley Hennig), who happens to be another teen witch in the new coven. He's also trying to protect Dawn, who was part of a coven that was disbanded and stripped of its powers years earlier after a horrible accident.

He will do pretty much anything to protect the witches' way of life. And that's when he gets wicked.

"There's no way that the people outside the family are going to just roll over and die, regardless of who they are. And once they start to get dangerous, they have to be controlled," Harold said. "And the more dangerous they become, the more extreme the control method has to become."

So what exactly does that mean for Charles in the upcoming episodes?

"We have to go down before we can go up," Harold teased. "And so I think there's an oncoming slide." READ THE FULL INTERVIEW AT SHOWPATROLTY.COM

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# Who's the boss?

Actor Ed Helms had no idea his character Andy Bernard on "The Office" would be promoted until a few weeks before shooting began on Season 8 of the NBC comedy.

"I knew about three or four weeks before we started shooting," Helms told reporters Tuesday. "[Executive producer] Paul

**The Office** 8pm Thursday, NBC

[Lieberstein] and I had lunch and that's where I learned of the news."

The news was a long time coming for fans

as well as the ensemble group of actors who make up the Emmy award-winning series. Last year, when "Office" star Steve Carell, who played office manager Michael Scott, announced he would be leaving after seven seasons, much speculation followed about who would fill his shoes.

"Right away the question that came up was: 'What's gonna happen next?' " Helms said in a conference call. "There just wasn't an answer for a long, long time, which in some ways was a blessing. It gave us all time to zen out about it and come to terms with whatever it might be."

Last season saw Will Ferrell come in as Deangelo Vickers, the interim boss of the Scranton branch of the fictional Dunder Mifflin paper plant. It culminated with a May finale that featured a slew of actors playing characters interviewing for the position including Will Arnett, Ray Romano, Jim Carrey and James Spader—along with plenty of internal candidates.

The Sept. 15 season opener revealed that Spader's Robert California got the job, but then leveraged it to become the new chief executive. He chose Andy Bernard to be the new office manager.

The upcoming season promises many clashes among the characters, beginning with California, whose "crazy energy ... is not something that Andy Bernard is equipped to deal with," Helms said.

Helms also revealed that Andy's relationship with Erin the receptionist (Ellie Kemper) will be further heightened.

"With Andy's new boss position, there's a power dynamic that comes into play, which makes all of that tension and awkwardness that much more difficult," Helms said.





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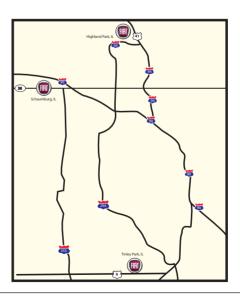


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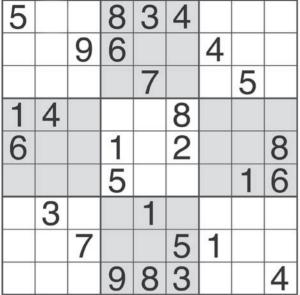


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and regular cast member Wiig is musical guest Lady Antebellum.

# Kiss the bride (again)5

Let's help Kristen Wiig decide whether to do a 'Bridesmaids' sequel

### By Dana Moran IREDEYE

Is Kristen Wiig (right) always a bridesmaid? Jon Hamm, her co-star in "Bridesmaids," which came out on DVD on Sept. 20, doesn't think so. "I don't think Kristen is going to do it," he told E! News of a sequel to the hilarious flick, adding that his bang buddy would need to be on board for him to sign up. Are Kristen's priorities out of whack, or is she headed down the right aisle? There's only one way to solve this: a pro/con list. DAMORAN@TRIBUNE.COM

### DO IT!

- »She can learn to shoot a pistol. The adorable Officer Rhodes teaches Annie to use a radar gun in the first flick-gotta wait for the sequel to roll out the serious weapons.
- » Picture a big dance scene in which Lillian's husband, Dougie, leads the gang in "the Dougie." All his bitches love him.
- » This is the chance to actually throw a bachelorette party, or a divorce party for Helen. But hold it at Lillian's family lake house-Vegas is way too cliche.
- » Two words: Giant. Cake. After Annie bakes it, anything goes.
- » More opportunities to hang out in Chicago!

### DON'T DO IT!

» Increased risk of being overshadowed by scene-stealer Melissa McCarthy (Megan).

She already won an Emmy for "Bridesmaids" "Mike & Molly"-what's next?

» Any sequel version of the scene set in the bridal shop can only be exponentially more gross, and we don't think we could ever un-see that.

- Who wants to see Ted breaking Annie's heart again-or giving her some sort of ick-tacular STD? Remember, she was only his No. 3.
- Lillian wasn't too terrible of a bridezilla in the first flick, but this probably wouldn't be the case for whichever lady takes the dash down the aisle this time
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THE DIGIT

That's the number of advertisers that pulled ads from "The Playboy Club's" time slot—including P.F. Chang's and Subway—after the Parents Television Council called for a boycott, **thr.com** reports. Apparently the home of the \$5 footlong does not approve of bunnies.



 Leah Remini in a Funny or Die parody of "Toddlers & Tiaras" in which Ashley Tisdale plays her daughter, a grown woman who still competes in pageants for children.



### Give it up

What do Nelly Furtado, Usher, Mariah Carey, Beyonce and 50 Cent have in common? They've all performed at private concerts for Moammar Gadhafi's family—and now they've all pledged to donate their appearance fees to charity. On Tuesday, Furtado said she will be donating the \$1 million she received in 2007 from the Gadhafi family to Free The Children, which works to educate girls around the world, The Associated Press reports.

### What's HIS number?

Anna Faris' character in "What's Your Number?" opening Friday, is all hot and bothered over her number of sexual partners. But Faris says she doesn't know how many people her real-life husband has slept with. "My husband won't tell me his number, and I think it is probably a really good policy," she told E! News. Unless that number is 100. Then you're in trouble.

### Non-'Factor'

So much for the Chicago auditions on "The X Factor." The Windy City episode aired Wednesday, though only the first half of the two-hour show featured the tryouts (which actually were shot in the 'burbs), and none of the contestants whose stories were highlighted on the show were even identifiably from Chicago. The show's second half was from Seattle. Weak, Simon. Very weak.

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